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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
FRESNO DIVISION

In re

TULARE LOCAL HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT, dba TULARE
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,

Debtor.

Tax ID #: 94-6002897
Address: 869 N. Cherry Street
Tulare, CA 93274

CASE NO. 17-13797

Chapter 9

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF
CHAPTER 9 CASE**

**TO ALL CREDITORS OF TULARE LOCAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, dba TULARE
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND TO PARTIES IN INTEREST.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

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1 **COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 9 CASE.** On September 30, 2017, Tulare
2 Local Healthcare District dba Tulare Regional Medical Center ("TRMC") commenced a
3 case under Chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in
4 the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California, Fresno Division
5 (the "Court"). The Chapter 9 case is pending before the Honorable René Lastreto II,
6 United States Bankruptcy Judge. All documents filed with the Court are available for
7 inspection via the PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) system, which
8 may be accessed on a subscription basis at the following internet address:
9 www.caeb.uscourts.gov. In order to access PACER, parties will first need to register
10 as a user. For information regarding how to register for a PACER account, the costs
11 involved in accessing information, and other information, interested parties should visit
12 www.pacer.gov.

13 **AUTOMATIC STAY.** Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 362 and 922, the filing of TRMC's
14 Chapter 9 Petition operates as an automatic stay of actions against TRMC, including,
15 among other things, the enforcement of any judgment, any act to obtain property from
16 TRMC, any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against property of TRMC, any act
17 to collect, assess or recover a claim against TRMC, and the commencement or
18 continuation of any judicial, administrative, or any other action or proceeding against
19 TRMC or against an officer or director of TRMC that seeks to enforce a claim against
20 TRMC.

21 **PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER 9 FILING.** Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code
22 provides a means for a municipality, such as TRMC, that has encountered financial
23 difficulty to work with its creditors to adjust its debts. The primary purpose of Chapter 9
24 is to allow the municipality to continue its operations and its provision of services while it
25 adjusts or restructures creditor obligations. In a Chapter 9 case, the jurisdiction and
26 powers of the bankruptcy court are limited such that the Court may not interfere with
27 any of the political or governmental powers of TRMC, or TRMC's use or enjoyment of
28 any income-producing property. TRMC intends to propose a plan for the adjustment of

1 its debts. Future notice concerning any such plan will be provided to all known creditors.
2 During the bankruptcy case, TRMC will remain in possession and control of its property,
3 and will maintain its operations for the benefit of the public.

4 **DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO PETITION AND ENTRY OF AN ORDER**

5 **FOR RELIEF.** Objections to the Chapter 9 Petition may be filed by a creditor or party
6 in interest by no later than January 11, 2018. If you are an authorized user of the
7 Court's CM/ECF system, any such objection shall be filed via the Court's CM/ECF
8 system. If you are not an authorized user of the Court's CM/ECF system, a written
9 objection must be sent by means calculated to reach the Court no later than January
10 11, 2018 at the following address: The Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for
11 the Eastern District of California, Fresno Division, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California
12 93721. Any objection shall state the facts and legal authorities relied upon in support
13 thereof, and shall be served on or before the same date on the following parties: (1) the
14 United States Trustee's Office; (2) TRMC; (3) TRMC's District Counsel; (4) TRMC's
15 Chapter 9 counsel; (5) the creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims against
16 TRMC; (6) Wilmington Trust as Indenture Trustee and Paying Agent, of certain bond
17 indebtedness of TRMC; (7) Healthcare Conglomerate Associates, LLC; and (8) any
18 other party who has filed a request for special notice with the Court. The contact
19 information for such persons may be found on the List of Twenty Largest Creditors as
20 Amended on file with the Court prior to the publication of this Notice.

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